THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Such details are available in the Annual Report on the receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations published by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Copies of the Annual Report till the Year 2000-01 are available in the Parliament Library. The report for the year 2001 -02 is under compilation.

(c) and (d) Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by voluntary organisations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

Multipurpose National Identity Card

798. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce Multipurpose National Identity Card to each and every Indian;

(b) if so, when will it be launched and the estimated cost for covering all citizens in the country;

(c) what is the reason for taking up this pilot project; and

(d) how many people from Karnataka are proposed to be covered under the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) At present, only a Pilot Project is being undertaken by the Government in a few selected sub-districts of various districts of 13 States and Union Territories, which will cost approximately Rs.18 crores. The Project will be launched shortly.

(c) Since creating database of the entire population of the country is a gigantic task, which requires in-depth examination of all the relevant issues, it has been decided by the Government to undertake a Pilot Project on an experimental basis. The main scheme will be launched after taking into account experiences and lessons drawn from the Pilot Project.

(d) The State of Karnataka has not been included in the Pilot Project.